

GRAIN RAIL NETWORK — BROOKTON STRATEGY

4490. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Is the Government still committed to implementing the Brookton Strategy as outlined in the Strategic Grain Network Committee Report?
- (2) If yes to (1), what works are required to implement this strategy?
- (3) When are works expected to commence?
- (4) When are works expected to be completed?
- (5) What is the cost of the works required?
- (6) Who will finance these works?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Department of Transport advises:

- (1) Yes
- (2) The Government is working with Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd (CBH) to transition from the movement of grain by rail on Tier 3 rail lines to movement by road to rail receival points on the Great Southern Railway (GSR) and Eastern Goldfields Railway for transport by rail to the Kwinana grain receival facility.
- (3) Rail works on the GSR are nearing completion.
- (4) The aim is to have the rail siding works and rapid loading facilities completed by the 2012 harvest.
- (5) \$128.3m
- (6) Budget appropriation for Government investment already allocated.